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The Newsletter for Marshall University

February 28, 2018

National Institutes of Health guests visit School of Medicine



Walter J. Koroshetz, M.D., director of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, three other health care officials from the NIH and U.S. Representative Evan Jenkins visited Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Feb. 20 to learn more about the university's research and clinical outreach in regard to the nation's addiction crisis.

"I'm very proud of the work we are doing here at our medical school related to pain and to opioid addiction," said Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert. "I am hopeful that the NIH will look favorably upon the institutions like Marshall—of our size—that are in the trenches, doing innovative work in these areas. I feel like we have forged some wonderful relationships during this visit and look forward to working with NIH in the future."

Koroshetz and his team met with researchers, clinicians and students during the visit, which included a reception Feb. 19 at Gilbert's home and a tour of the Charles H. McKown, M.D., Translational Genomic Research Institute and a roundtable discussion Feb. 20. A media availability wrapped up the events.

"I'm very pleased we were able to host Dr. Koroshetz and showcase the great work underway at our school," said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine. "We are grateful for Congressman Jenkins' efforts in arranging this visit."

The group also visited Lily's Place and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Photo: School of Medicine Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert, Walter J. Koroshetz and his team, and U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins pose with medical students from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Feb. 20.

Blough named associate dean at Marshall School of Pharmacy



Eric R. Blough, Ph.D., professor and director of pharmacology and toxicology at the [School of Pharmacy](#), has been named associate dean for academic and curricular affairs at the school.

In announcing the selection, interim dean Brian Gallagher praised Blough's work and commitment to the school.

"Dr. Blough is an academic professional and prolific researcher who has been a significant influence on the first phase of Marshall University School of Pharmacy," Gallagher said. "We are pleased for him to assume this role at the school of pharmacy and look forward to his contributions to the continued success of the school."

After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees, Blough completed a Ph.D. program in exercise physiology at the Ohio State University. After graduating, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the department of physiology and biophysics at the University of Illinois.

Blough held several positions at Michigan Technological University before joining Marshall University's College of Science in 2003. He now holds joint appointments at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the Marshall school of pharmacy and directs the university's Center for Diagnostic Nanosystems, a research facility he founded in 2010.

A productive researcher and publisher, Blough, along with his colleagues, has received over \$12 million in research awards since 1998 and published over 300 scientific manuscripts, technical reports and abstracts – all while maintaining a strong focus on student development and mentoring in his teaching.

Blough is a well-respected and award-winning faculty member. He received the 2005 Marshall Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award (Jr. Level), the 2009 Marshall Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award (Sr. Level), the 2009 John and Frances Rucker Outstanding Graduate

Advisor Award and the 2017 Hedrick Award. He is also currently a finalist for the West Virginia Professor of the Year.

Blough will assume his new role March 1.

Marshall to host visiting authors as part of Women's History Month, Birke Fine Arts Symposium



Marshall University's A. E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series will present two events celebrating Women's History Month, also as the final two events of the monthlong Birke Fine Arts Symposium, on the Huntington campus beginning this evening.

The A.E. Visiting Writers Series will present a literary lecture with Rebecca Gayle Howell and Matthew Olzmann at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, in Room 402 of Drinko Library. The second event will be a featured reading with Howell, Olzmann and Christa Parravani at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Howell (left) is the author of *American Purgatory* and *Render /An Apocalypse*. Her awards include fellowships from the Fine Arts Work Center and the Carson McCullers Center, as well as a Pushcart Prize. She is the James Still Writer-in-Residence at the Hindman Settlement School in Knott County, Kentucky, and the poetry editor for *Oxford American*.

Olzmann (center) is the author of two collections of poems, *Mezzanines*, which was selected for the Kundiman Prize, and *Contradictions in the Design*, both from Alice James Books. His writing has appeared in *Best American Poetry*, *Kenyon Review*, *New England Review*, *Brevity* and elsewhere. He's received fellowships from the Kresge Arts Foundation, Kundiman and the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. Previously, he's taught at the University of North Carolina, Oakland Community College and for the Alice Lloyd Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. Currently, he's a lecturer at Dartmouth College and also teaches in the M.F.A. Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College.

Parravani (right) is the author of the book, *Her: A Memoir* (Henry Holt and Co., 2013), which was listed as the "best" and "favorite" book of the year by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Library Journal*, and *Salon* and *Women in Clothes* (Viking Penguin, 2014). Parravani is both a writer and photographer. Her photographs have been exhibited internationally, and are represented by the Michael Foley Gallery in New York City and the Kopeikin Gallery in Los Angeles. She has taught photography at Dartmouth College, Columbia University and UMass, Amherst. She earned her M.F.A. in visual art from Columbia University

and her M.F.A. in creative writing from Rutgers. She is an assistant professor of English at West Virginia University.

Both events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

These events are made possible with support from the Department of English, the College of Liberal Arts, the Women's Studies program, the West Virginia Humanities Council, and the Birke Fine Arts Symposium Endowment. The Birke Fine Arts Symposium is a monthlong celebration of local and regional art, this year exploring the theme, "What's Next: the Arts in Times of Adversity." Find the entire schedule at www.marshall.edu/cam/birke/.

For more information, contact Eric Smith, assistant professor of English, at smithjam@marshall.edu.

Political Science department to host guest lecture on women in Congress this afternoon



The Department of Political Science will host guest speaker Dr. Lauren Santoro as part of its Paul D. Stewart Lecture Series. She will speak on the subject, "Representation and Policymaking: Women Participating in Congress" Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Drinko Library Atrium.

A meet-and-greet with Santoro will take place from 3 to 3:30 p.m. and her lecture will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Santoro is an adjunct professor in the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics at West Virginia University and the Department of Political Science and Sociology at Monmouth University.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Notice of Benefit Deduction Holiday

Employees will receive three (3) pay checks in the month of March due to the biweekly pay conversion. Please note that the first check on March 2, 2018, will be a deduction holiday. The only deductions that will be taken are retirement, taxes, Huntington city user fee, garnishments, and loan repayments. The net payment of this check should be larger than normal. Employees paid over 12 months will have two (2) benefit deduction holidays in 2018 (March 2 and August 3). Employees paid over 9 months will only have one benefit deduction holiday (March 2).

PEIA Healthy Tomorrows Update

For the Current Plan Year (Plan Year 2018): PPB Plan policyholders who met the Healthy Tomorrows requirements for the current plan year (biometric screening with results in range reported before the end of open enrollment in 2017) will receive a PASS and will not have to complete biometric screenings before the end of next open enrollment (May 15, 2018).

Policyholders who **did not meet the Healthy Tomorrows requirements** for this plan year still have to meet the requirements by **May 15, 2018**: Bloodwork done between April 2, 2017, and May 15, 2018, with values in the acceptable range or a doctor's certification that the numbers can't be met for a medical reason. The penalty for not meeting these requirements will be the same as in previous years, \$500 added to your medical deductible for Plan Year 2019.

A letter will be sent out to members soon with information on the requirements for 2019; however, members can go online now to "Manage my Benefits" and see if they have completed the Healthy Tomorrow requirement. Members may access their account by accessing PEIA here: <https://openenrollment.wvpeia.com/YRE/index.cfm?>

For more information, please contact PEIA at 888-680-7342 or at peiahelp@wv.gov.

McCorkle family endows Marshall School of Medicine scholarship



Forty years after beginning medical school at the [Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#), alumnus Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D., Class of 1981, and his wife, Lynn Harris-McCorkle, M.D., have made the largest one-time gift by a graduate in the school's history.

The \$107,000 gift established an endowed scholarship as a tribute to the individuals who have impacted their lives, including Jane Ann Hayden McCorkle, Doug's beloved mother; Dr. Albert C. Esposito, a pioneer in the creation of the medical school; Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., then-chair of the admissions committee and former dean; Cynthia A. Warren, assistant dean of admissions; and Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs.

"Lynn and I are so fortunate to be in a position to give back to Marshall," McCorkle said. "It really feels good to say thanks to the school and recognize the individuals who have been instrumental in our lives. We hope to do more in the future. Looking back, we realize that nothing has been more important in our careers than our medical school experience. MUSOM was really the basis for all of the incredible opportunities that have followed, professional and otherwise. We will always have a deep sense of gratitude to Marshall and the wonderful people there, past and present."

The *McCorkle Family Scholarship* is designated as a one-time award for a fourth-year medical student who best embodies the following characteristics the McCorkles value and have served them well as physicians—a commitment to academic excellence, compassion, willingness to help others and leadership.

Dr. Douglas McCorkle entered medical school in 1978 as a member of the school's inaugural class. He is a Huntington native and an ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. Lynn Harris-McCorkle is a radiologist. They currently reside near Baltimore, Maryland. Their son, Colin, is a first-year medical student at Marshall, who is set to graduate in 2021—40 years after his father's graduation.

For more information or to support the school of medicine, contact [Linda S. Holmes](#) at 304-691-1711.

Photo: Dr. Doug McCorkle (right), and his wife, Dr. Lynn Harris-McCorkle (left) have established an endowed scholarship for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. They are shown with their son, Colin, at his white coat ceremony last fall.

Seventeen students receive inaugural awards for undergraduate research and creative activities

Seventeen Marshall University students have each been awarded \$750 plus expenses through a university program started this year to promote undergraduate research and creative activities.

Made possible by funding provided through the Office of the President, the Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Undergraduate Research Scholar Awards provide students with an opportunity to pursue original creative work, scholarship or research under the mentorship of a full-time faculty member. The students each receive a \$750 stipend and up to \$1,000 for travel and materials during the spring 2018 semester. In addition, \$750 is provided to each faculty mentor for travel.

“Undergraduate research certainly changed my life and was instrumental in my going on to graduate school and an eventual career in biomedical engineering and higher education,” said Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert. “Creating this program to give our students more of the same opportunities was one of my top goals this year. I’m eager to see their work progress this semester.”

The students’ projects can involve research, design, development, field study, creative work or performance, and require a total commitment of 150 hours over this semester. The program is structured so the students can produce creative or scholarly output—presentations, publications, exhibits or performances—at the end of the award period.

The students selected for the inaugural round of the awards, along with their university colleges, project titles and faculty mentors, are as follows:

Jessica Ashworth, College of Arts and Media, “Developing a Raku Process” (Frederick Bartolovic, mentor)

Hunter Barclay, College of Liberal Arts, “Substance Abuse Reduction App” (Dr. Jonathan Day-Brown, mentor)

Megan Bates, College of Information Technology and Engineering, “Optimal Penetration Factor of Wind Distributed Generation to Improve the Voltage Stability in A Weak Distribution Network” (Dr. Tarek Masaud, mentor)

Sarah Canterbury, College of Liberal Arts, “Remembering Sophia Jane” (Dr. Joel Peckham, mentor)

Brandon Duke, College of Information Technology and Engineering, “Leveraging Internet-of-Things to Detect Flash-Floods” (Dr. Haroon Malik, mentor)

Ethan Higginbotham, College of Science, “The Effect of Increased Glycerol Availability on Triacylglycerol Production in *Chlorella vulgaris*” (Dr. Derrick Kolling, mentor)

Emma Lockyer, College of Science, “Search for Extra Dimensions in Gravitational Waves” (Dr. Maria Babiuc-Hamilton, mentor)

Jenna Marsh, College of Science, “Bioengineering Adult Neural Stem Cells for Parkinson’s Disease Therapy” (Dr. Elmer M. Price, mentor)

Bryan Pennington, College of Arts and Media, “Contemporary Human Figure” (Ian Hagarty, mentor)

Mary Piaskowski, Honors College, “Qualitative Habitat Analysis for Conservation of Hellbenders” (Dr. Jennifer Mosher, mentor)

Brittany Rolfe, College of Health Professions, “The Effects of Cardiovascular Fitness on the Relationship Between Fatigue and Basketball Free Throw Performance” (Dr. Suzanne Konz and Dr. Steven Leigh, mentors)

Jessica Sayre, College of Health Professions, “Writing Skills Among Undergraduate Students in Communication Disorders” (Dr. Mary E. Weidner, mentor)

Erin Sears, College of Arts and Media, “The Life of Faith Through Song: The Hymnody of Charles and John Wesley” (Thomas Walker, mentor)

Stephanie Spaulding, College of Liberal Arts, “Barriers to Needle Return in Harm Reduction Program” (Dr. Brittany Canady, mentor)

Tyler Vernick, College of Information Technology and Engineering, “Optimal Penetration Factor of Wind Distributed Generation to Improve the Voltage Stability in A Weak Distribution Network” (Dr. Tarek Masaud, mentor)

Jonathan Warner, College of Information Technology and Engineering, “Optimal Penetration Factor of Wind Distributed Generation to Improve the Voltage Stability in A Weak Distribution Network” (Dr. Tarek Masaud, mentor)

Maggie Westfall, College of Health Professions, “Children Who Stutter: A Video Project” (Craig Coleman, mentor)

Proposals are now being accepted for a second round of awards which will provide a \$3,000 stipend for the student plus up to \$1,000 for travel and materials for summer 2018. In addition, \$1,000 will be provided for the participating faculty mentor for travel. Up to 14 awards will be made.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 16. Full details about the application format, submission requirements and the evaluation process are available on the Marshall University Research Corporation website at www.marshall.edu/murc.

Social work professor helps release man with intellectual disabilities from death row



Dr. Peggy Harman of the College of Health Professions received word earlier this month from the federal public defender of the Western District of Pennsylvania Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) that her investigative work alongside a skilled legal team led to the eventual release of a man with intellectual disabilities from death row.

Harman, a social work professor in the college, worked as an investigator/mitigation specialist for the federal public defender's office from 2011 to 2013, spending those years focused on several death row inmate cases. One of these cases included collecting information on James Van Divner, a man accused of the murder of his girlfriend in 2004. Harman said she believes this case is an excellent example of investigation and collaboration among attorneys, investigators and paralegals. According to the legal team, Harman's investigation proved most influential in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to convert VanDivner's sentence from death to life.

"Although my investigation made an impact on this case, this is not about me or my skills" Harman said. "I think the case is more about how we as social workers have capabilities far beyond what most people believe. Social workers are meant for this type of work – through studying individuals' biological makeup, their psychology and their surrounding environment, we can make a difference in someone's life. We have so much to offer our legal system."

Harman said VanDivner had been on death row for close to a decade before her investigation into his family, educational and medical history produced details and expert testimony that proved he had an IQ below 62, which made his death sentence excessive and unnecessary.

"This was a very difficult process that involved years of digging through historical archives, personal records and interviewing witnesses who had grown up or had interactions with VanDivner," Harman said. "I believe the court overturned the death sentence because the information we presented was sound and the evidence was high quality."

As a faculty member, Harman said she has shared this case with students in her social work classes.

“This is a great example of an ethical case that could have gone very differently if it weren’t for the efforts of VanDivner’s legal team, which included a social worker,” Harman said. “If I can highlight how social workers impact our legal system, and bring awareness to the opportunities my students will have in cultivating positive change, then it’s all been worth it.”

As of January 2018, there are over 2,800 death row inmates in the United States. Harman said although Pennsylvania has not executed inmates since the late 1990s, there are still 150 individuals who sit on death row in that state’s prisons.

To learn more about Harman’s federal mitigation work with death row inmates, e-mail peggy.harman@marshall.edu or call 304-696-3146. For more information on the university’s Department of Social Work, visit www.marshall.edu/social-work.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 | 7 P.M.

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Women's History Month kick-off celebration to take place March 1

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Marshall will host a kick-off reception for Women's History Month from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the atrium of the university's Drinko Library atrium on the Huntington campus.

The Women's Center and Department of Women's Studies will announce the calendar of events tailored to educate, engage and empower women, according to Leah Tolliver, director of the university's Women's Center.

"We are proud to host this series of events that honor women's strength, courage and tenacity at Marshall and beyond," Tolliver said.

In addition to the calendar of events, Tolliver said information about campus and community resources for women will be available.

The reception is sponsored by the President's Commission on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion and the Office of Student Affairs. E-mail johnson28@marshall.edu or tolliver@marshall.edu to learn more.

Marshall to host Ninth Annual Festival of New Music March 1-2



The Marshall University School of Music will host its Ninth Annual Festival of New Music on Thursday, March 1, and Friday, March 2, featuring the music of festival guest composer, Dr. Elainie Lillios, professor of music at Bowling Green State University.

The School of Music hosts the festival each year to promote new music and provide opportunities for regional, national, and

international composers. Featured guest performers include the Khasma Piano Duo, Trifecta!, and West Virginia Symphony Principal Flutist Lindsey Goodman. The four-concert festival will also feature the music of 17 other composers from the United States and abroad. Offerings include solo performances, chamber music, electro-acoustic music and film.

The New Music Festival performance schedule is as follows:

Khasma Piano Duo — a concert of new works for two pianos, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Smith Recital Hall.

MUsic Alive — a chamber music concert featuring the music of Festival Guest Composer Elainie Lillios, performed by guest artist Lindsey Goodman, flute, and the musical trio Trifecta!

Noon Friday, March 2, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 1135 5th Ave., Huntington.

Collage One — Multi-media works by U.S. and international composers, 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Room 143 of Smith Music Hall.

Collage Two — New chamber works by Elainie Lillios, and festival composers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Smith Recital Hall.

Support for this festival was provided by the Marshall University Department of Music, the College of Arts and Media and the MUsic Alive Concert Series. More information can be found on the Marshall University School of Music website at www.marshall.edu/music/, or by contacting Dr. Mark Zanter, professor of music, by e-mail at Zanter@marshall.edu.

Marshall to host Graduate Professional Development Conference March 2

The Office of Career Education will host a graduate professional development conference to connect students with local alumni and employers. The conference will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the university's Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

The event will allow students to explore careers, develop professional skills and prepare for the future, according to Jennifer Brown, program manager for internships.

"Graduate students can be proactive and learn how to leverage their degree so that it is broadly applicable to any number of exciting and surprising career paths," Brown said. "There will be a path for a first-year graduate student and a path for a second-year graduate student. They will end the conference at a guided networking happy hour."

A free wine and beer bar, along with appetizers, will be served. The dress code for the event is business casual. Students can register for the event via www.marshall.edu/gpd/conference/. There are limited numbers of spots left.

Employers interested in attending the event can contact Brown at brown46@marshall.edu to learn more.



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Marshall Recreation Center, front desk

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Dr. Wendy Perkins
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

RESPONDENTS:

Dr. Stephen Young, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Dr. Laura Michele Diener, Department of History

THE ACCEPTANCE OF RAPE MYTHS BY COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM APPALACHIAN CULTURE

**Friday, March 2, 2018
7:00 PM**

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Monday, March 5
6:30 PM
Fat Patty's
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Dr. Damien Arthur, Assistant Professor, Political Science
West Virginia's Billion Dollar Man

Dr. Kevin Barksdale, Professor of History
West Virginia at the Edge of America: 1783-1789

Dr. Allison E. Carey, Associate Professor of English
LGBTQ Literature in Appalachia

Music provided by Samantha Stalnaker



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Marshall Dining Services to feature Dutch chef for two-day event



Marshall University Dining Services will present Global Chef 2018, a two-day event featuring Chef Jan Willem Vlijm from the Netherlands. Vlijm will be in the John Marshall Dining Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, showcasing his cuisine. He also will be in Harless Dining Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, during dinner service.

The event is being presented as part of Marshall Dining Services' mission of providing customers with the highest quality and largest variety of dining, which includes opportunities to experience cuisine from all over the world.

For more information, call Marshall Dining Services at 304-696-2544.

Classified Staff Council to hold special election; nominations due March 6

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to fill vacancies for the following:

- One Vacancy in EEO 40 – Technical and Paraprofessional
- Three Vacancies in EEO 50 – Clerical
- One Vacancy in EEO 60/70 – Service and Maintenance

The staff members elected during this election will finish the remainder of the current term, which will end on June 30, 2019.

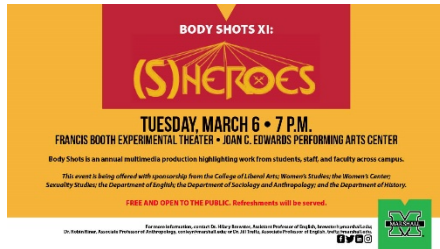
Nomination forms were distributed by e-mail on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Nomination forms are due in the Staff Council Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. No nominations will be accepted after that date.

All employees of EEO Groups 40 and 60/70 are permitted to nominate one (1) eligible employee from their respective EEO Group for these positions, including themselves. All employees of EEO Group 50 are permitted to nominate three (3) eligible employees from their EEO 50 Group for these positions, including themselves. Please consult the Classified Employees Constitution and By-Laws, Bylaw VI, Section 4 for questions on eligibility: www.marshall.edu/staff-council/forms/.

Electronic voting will be available from Friday, March 16, at 6 a.m. through Monday, March 19, at midnight. **All voting will be electronic.** There will be no paper ballot voting.

If you should have any questions regarding the election please contact Nina Barrett, Election Committee Chair, by e-mail at barrett@marshall.edu or by phone at extension 6-2216; or Katie Counts at the Staff Council Office by e-mail at easter@marshall.edu or by phone at extension 6-2222.

Marshall to host 'Body Shots XI: (S)heroes,' a multimedia event celebrating heroic women



Women's Studies will present "Body Shots XI: (S)heroes" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Body Shots is an annual multimedia production highlighting work from students, staff, and faculty across campus. This year's theme, (S)heroes, will showcase dance, comedy, video, creative essays, and scholarship that is focused on women at their most heroic.

This is an annual event that showcases talent from across the university surrounding a particular theme. The project was conceived 11 years ago by Dr. Greta Rensenbrink to invite students, faculty and staff from across disciplines to create art and scholarship surrounding a single theme.

"This year's theme, '(S)heroes' came about given the cultural influx of superhero movies and TV shows, especially the blockbuster release last summer of *Wonder Woman*," said Dr. Hilary Brewster, assistant professor of English. "However, '(s)heroes' are certainly not limited to fictional women in capes. Heroic women have changed the course of history and science, created important art, survived innumerable challenges and walk among us every day."

This multimedia presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

This event is being offered with sponsorship from the College of Liberal Arts; Women's Studies; the Women's Center; Sexuality Studies; the Department of English; the Department of Sociology and Anthropology; and the Department of History.

For more information, e-mail Brewster at brewsterh@marshall.edu; Dr. Robin Riner, associate professor of anthropology, at conleyr@marshall.edu; or Dr. Jill Treftz, associate professor of English, at treftz@marshall.edu.

Annual Countdown to Commencement scheduled for March 6-7



The final countdown has begun for Marshall students who will graduate Saturday, May 5.

To prepare for the 2018 Spring Commencement ceremony at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Marshall will conduct its semi-annual Countdown to Commencement Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and 7, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room on the Huntington campus. It will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, and refreshments will be served.

“Countdown is a great event not only because we get to help students take care of their graduation responsibilities but because we get to help celebrate this milestone with our students,” said Michelle Barbour, student advocate and success specialist for student affairs.

Organized by the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the Registrar, the purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year's spring commencement communicate with university administrative offices in a central location.

“Countdown to Commencement, much like our commencement ceremony itself, grows every year,” said Dr. Sonja Cantrell, university registrar. “Because everything is in a central location, ‘Countdown’ will save our graduates a lot of running as they take care of pre-commencement responsibilities during the busiest time of the year. We encourage all of the graduates to join the Marshall community to celebrate their academic achievements.”

The following services are available at Countdown to Commencement:

Alumni Relations/ Marshall University Foundation: Students can learn about the benefits of a Marshall University Alumni Association membership, sign the Class of 2018 banner and pick up class pins.

Financial Aid: Students may pick up information about upcoming financial aid workshops in which they may learn about default prevention, debt management, loan repayment, loan consolidation and loan forgiveness/cancellation programs.

GradImages Photography: Cap and Gown portraits will be taken. There is no sitting fee, no obligation to purchase and free proofs will be available within 24 hours of the sitting.

Graduate College/ College of Education and Professional Development /Lewis College of Business: Graduate admission counselors and college representatives will be available to discuss graduate programs and assist with the admission process.

International Student Services: International students can talk with university officials regarding the receipt of diplomas upon completion of their degrees. Requirements will be

provided for having the diploma mailed to an address outside of the U.S. or for third party pick-up of the diploma.

Jostens: Students can purchase their Marshall University Class of 2017 rings and order graduation announcements.

Marshall University Bookstore: Students can be measured for and purchase their caps and gowns, as well as purchase tassels, diploma frames, class rings and much more.

Office of the Bursar: Students may talk with staff about anything concerning their student accounts, holds, account balances and loan counseling interviews.

Office of Career Education: Students are encouraged to let the Office of Career Education know their post-graduation plans so it can help them along their career paths. Students may stop by the Career Services table to register for JOBTRAX (online job search assistance). Information and support will be available on job-related questions, resume assistance, interview skills and much more.

Office of Intercultural Affairs: Students are encouraged to stop by for information and to enroll for purposes of participating in the Lavender Graduation ceremony or Donning of Kente celebration.

Registrar's Office: Students can verify graduation status, name format, and address for mailing diplomas; confirm commencement participation; obtain commencement instructions; receive recognition cords for military service or ROTC; pick up honor cords and tassels (if graduating with academic honors); and have an opportunity to report any special needs or concerns related to the event.

For more information, contact registrar@marshall.edu, call 304-696-6410 or visit www.marshall.edu/registrar/commencement.



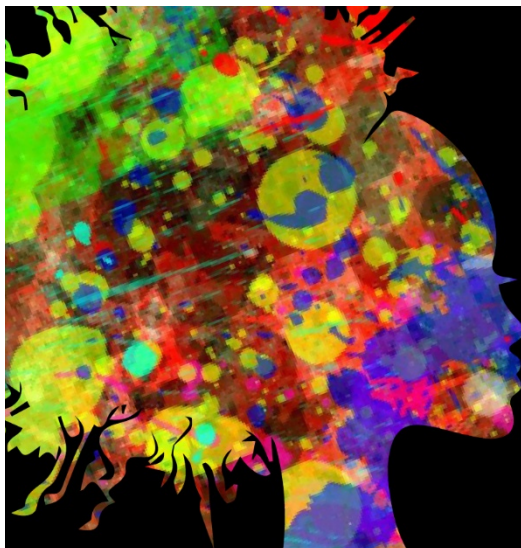
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To purchase items, visit www.peachorchardboutique.com



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF COLOR DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

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THEME: #PRESSFORPROGRESS
GUEST SPEAKER: TERRI BERKLEY

Marshall University's Women of Color Day celebration recognizes individuals who have conscientiously endeavored to increase respect for women of color and have contributed greatly toward promoting multicultural understanding and gender equality at Marshall University or in the Huntington community.

For more information, contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu or Lisa Allen at allenl@marshall.edu

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Monthly Open House for the University Community

Wednesday, March 7, 3 to 4 p.m.
Drinko Atrium

Stop by
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and chat with
university leaders





The Fifth Annual Thunder on the Stage Talent Competition is a week away! Join us on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse to see our most entertaining and gifted students compete to win campus fame and prizes! If you know any students who would like to participate please have them sign up at www.marshall.edu/tots.

Five for Fighting and string quartet, piano to perform at the Keith-Albee March 8



Presented by Cabell Huntington Hospital, Five For Fighting, accompanied by piano and string quartet, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. With hit songs “Superman (It’s Not Easy),” “The Riddle,” “100 Years” and “What If,” John Ondrasik is sure to sing his way into your heart with poignant lyrics that tug at your emotions. Ondrasik, the man behind the name, one-man show and avid hockey fan, based his title on the five-minute penalty one receives for fighting on the rink. He will be joined by opening act Marie Miller.

Ondrasik released his first album, “Message for Albert,” in 1997, but his follow-up, “American Town,” is what catapulted him onto the music scene. The album featured “Superman (It’s Not Easy),” which went platinum, was #1 on Adult Top 40, #2 on Hot AC and in the top 10 of the Top 40 List. The hit single also served as an anthem during the 9/11 attacks on American soil. His 2004 album, “Battle for Everything,” spawned the double platinum song of nostalgia, “100 Years.” Ondrasik’s music has been featured in countless movies, TV shows and advertisements, such as “The Blind Side” and “Hawaii Five-O.” He has even written songs for the Backstreet Boys.

Since launching his music career, Ondrasik has sold over 2.5 million albums. However, people are far more important to Ondrasik than the music. He has given away a million copies of a five-volume compilation album he created for the United States troops. His song “World” launched www.whatkindofworldldoyouwant.com, where fans uploaded videos showing their interpretations of what a better world would look like. The initiative raised a quarter of a million dollars and was donated to Augie’s Quest, Autism Speaks, Fisher House Foundation, Save the Children and Operation Homefront.

The Grammy-nominated singer is also a featured speaker from Ted Talks to the Salk Institute, has performed for NASA to commemorate the conclusion of the Space Shuttle Mission, has been a sports commentator for SI.com, and has been a special guest on ESPN SportsCenter.

For a memorable evening of music for the soul, purchase your tickets today. Ticket prices are \$54.21/43.30/32.39. Contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656 or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit our box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Marshall University campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

Five for Fighting is sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital, I Heart Radio, The Herald-Dispatch, WSAZ and Marshall University,

Marshall to host recital celebrating Japanese musical traditions and trends



Marshall University's Japanese Program in the Department of Modern Languages has organized a musical celebration of Japanese culture. It will present "Masayo Ishigure and Koto 360° Recital" Friday, March 9, at Smith Recital Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Koto 360° is an exploration of the current trends in Japanese performing arts, presenting a comprehensive sampling of newly composed music, unique instrument pairings and diverse collaborations, including shamisen, shakuhachi, classical guitar and piano. The recital also will feature a variety of traditional Japanese musical instruments.

Masayo Ishigure is a koto virtuoso who travels the United States performing concerts with the traditional Japanese instrument and exploring an array of musical influences, from classical to jazz and more. Learn more about her music at <http://masayoishigure.com>.

Principal artists will be Ishigure (koto), John Kaizan Neptune (shakuhachi), Michael Gilsinan and Ken Huchinson (classical guitar), and the MIYABI Koto Ensemble. Marshall music student Megan Bailey will perform on the piano.

The event is free and open to the public.

Ishigure is also planning a visit to Meadows Elementary School that day.

Organized by the university's Japanese program with support from the School of Music, the recital has received sponsorship from Okuno International, Kureha, Diamond Electric, Nippon Thermostat, Japan Outreach Initiative, MU Student Affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of Modern Languages.

To learn more, contact Dr. Natsuki Fukunaga Anderson, associate professor and director of the Japanese program, at andersonn@marshall.edu or 304-696-3543.



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Before he became President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis had a distinguished career in American politics, including a stint as Secretary of War in the mid-1850s. He is perhaps best known for his experiments with using camels for military transportation in the southwest. Yet the camel story is more than a whimsical footnote in American history. Davis unintentionally set off a camel craze in the deep South, where cotton planters began to use camels on plantations. More ominously, the sudden demand for camels also provided slave smugglers with an extraordinary opportunity to increase their illicit activities under the cover of legitimate camel importation. Exploring this previously hidden dimension of the camel experiment reveals a broad network of government officials, merchants, and sundry shady characters, all of whom were dedicated to maximizing slavery's profitability and expansion.



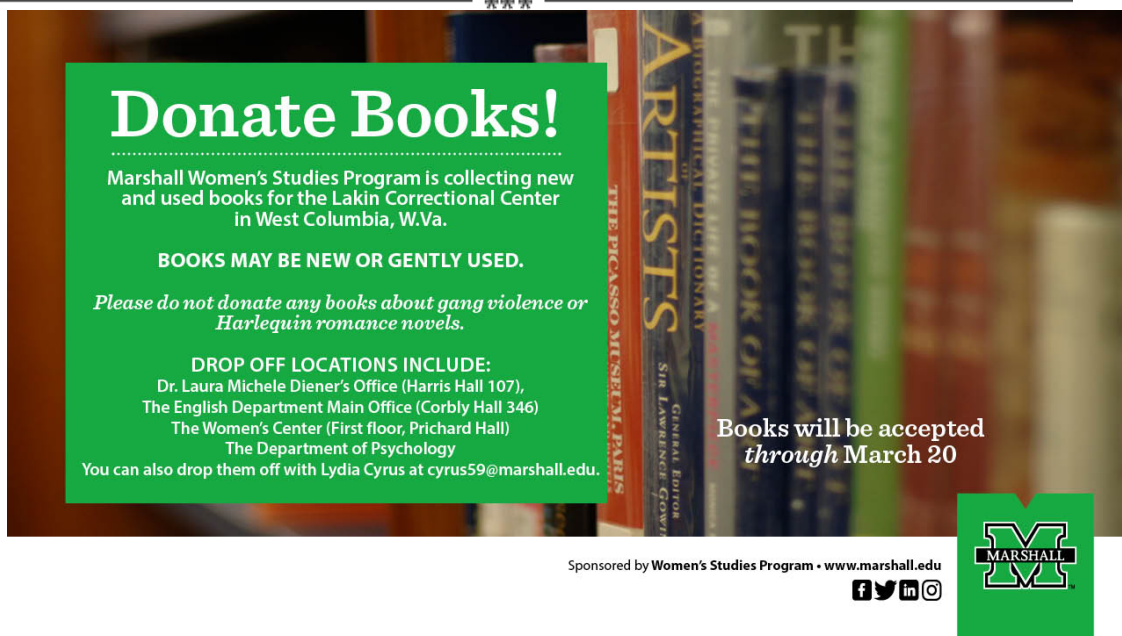
Grant Central training to be offered in March

The Marshall University Research Corporation is pleased to announce its 2018 grant training by Grant Central will be held March 21-22 in Memorial Student Center, BE5.

The morning of Wednesday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, will be a Basic Grantsmanship session for all disciplines, followed by an afternoon session from 1-4:30 p.m. focused on National Science Foundation submissions. The session on the morning of March 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon will focus on National Institutes of Health submissions.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days.

Those interested in attending should respond directly to [Amanda Plumley](#) by March 1.



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Marshall Women's Studies Program is collecting new and used books for the Lakin Correctional Center in West Columbia, W.Va.

BOOKS MAY BE NEW OR GENTLY USED.





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The Department of Psychology

You can also drop them off with Lydia Cyrus at cyrus59@marshall.edu.

Books will be accepted through March 20

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 | MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER, DON MORRIS ROOM
Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. | alumni@marshall.edu

For reservations or to nominate alumni for awards, visit www.herdalum.com or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (304) 696-3134 or alumni@marshall.edu.



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A poster for Marshall University's Digital Humanities THATCAMP. The background is black with green circuit-like lines on the left and right sides. The text is in white and green. The title "Marshall University DIGITAL HUMANITIES THATCAMP" is prominent, with "THATCAMP" in large green letters. Below it, "The Humanities and Technology Camp" is written in white. The date and time "SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 • 9 A.M. - 5 P.M." and the location "MARSHALL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 927 THIRD AVE., HUNTINGTON, WV 25701" are listed. A bulleted list of activities includes: "Meet humanists and technologists from all skill levels, disciplines, and professions.", "Learn and build in sessions proposed on the spot.", "Share knowledge of digital tools.", "Brainstorm the solution to a problem.", and "Get feedback about ongoing projects." The registration information "To register or propose a session, visit <http://marshall2018.thatcamp.org>." is provided. A note states "Open to all students, faculty, and community members. Registration is free for students and \$30 for all others." At the bottom, it says "Support provided by Marshall University's Digital Humanities, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Arts and Media, the College of Science, the College of Information Technology and Engineering, the Honors College, and Marshall University Libraries." There is a Marshall University logo (a green 'M' with 'MARSHALL' inside) and social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram) at the bottom right.

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Marshall University Foundation establishes Drs. Crews and Nibert Scholarship



The Marshall University Foundation Inc. has established the Drs. Crews and Nibert Dentistry Scholarship to benefit students from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia who are enrolled in programs in the College of Science. They have also provided program support for the pediatric audiology program.

Dr. Dallas Nibert, a 2003 graduate of the university's biological sciences program, currently serves as one of the team dentists for the university's athletic programs in addition to owning a practice with Dr. Greg Crews. Nibert said he wanted to give back to Marshall because the guidance he received and lessons he learned gave him the opportunity to go to dental school.

"My parents both earned their degrees through Marshall, and through their love and appreciation of this university, I became eager to attend the university myself," Nibert said. "This university is such an asset to our community. It has allowed me to practice dentistry in this community and raise my family here, and I could not be more grateful."

Crews said Marshall has played a very important role in his family's life as well as his professional career.

“My daughter received her master’s degree in speech pathology and attained an excellent job here upon graduation,” Crews said. “Marshall’s communication disorders program is recognized as one of the best in the country, making her extremely qualified and easily hired. In addition, RCBI and Marshall University have been instrumental in helping me develop my new business, Lock-N-Load Feed Systems. They helped me design, prototype and produce my products and will continue to provide assistance as I develop new products in the future.”

Nibert and Crews agreed the university is vital to the success and growth of the region.

“Without Marshall’s support, it would be very difficult if not in my opinion impossible for our region to survive,” Crews said. “Marshall provides so much more than a quality higher education. Its support, entertainment, health care and many other services are vital to our region.”

For questions about a student’s eligibility for the Drs. Crews and Nibert Scholarship, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at Marshall University. For questions about starting a scholarship at Marshall, please contact Krystle Davis at the Marshall University Foundation by phone at 304-696-6781 or by e-mail at krystle.davis@marshall.edu.

Photo: Dr. Dallas Nibert (left) and Dr. Greg Crews have established the Drs. Crews and Nibert Dentistry Scholarship to benefit students from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia who are enrolled in programs within the College of Science. They have also provided program support for the pediatric audiology program.

Patick selected as February Resident of the Month



Casey Patick, M.D., has been selected as the February Resident of the Month, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Patick is completing her third and final year as a resident in pediatrics.

“We appreciate our conscientious and hard-working residents and fellows who take excellent care of patients on a daily basis,” Wehner said. “Their dedication to learning how to provide the best possible patient care is commendable and too often goes unnoticed. We like to pause once a month and recognize them for that reason.”

Patick is known within the program for her top-notch physical exam skills and caring attitude.

“Dr. Patick is an excellent clinician,” said Susan Flesher, M.D., pediatrics residency program director. “She has grown by leaps and bounds this year in her confidence and scholarly activity. She now leads one of our recurring department conferences and has recently submitted research to local, regional, and national meetings.”

Patick was nominated by Jay Lakhani, M.D., a pediatrics faculty member who praised her as an outstanding resident who cares for her patients.

“She takes ownership and has great initiative,” Lakhani said. “She will stay late if that means her patient gets the best care possible. This sacrificial and selfless attitude is clear for all to see.”

The South Charleston, West Virginia, native graduated from the Marshall’s school of medicine. After completing her pediatric residency in June, she will join Marshall as a faculty member.

As part of her recognition as the February Resident of the Month, Patick received items including a plaque and a designated parking spot.

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Photo: Casey Patick, M.D. (right) is the February 2018 Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Resident of the Month. She is pictured with Susan Flesher, M.D., pediatrics residency program director.

Zatar leads key sessions at 97th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board



Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, recently participated in the 97th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in Washington, D.C.

The TRB is a division of the National Research Council, a nonprofit institution that provides expertise in science and technology to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities.

The council is jointly administered by the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine.

Zatar has been active with the TRB’s National Committee on Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers, among the largest and most prestigious international committees on the subject of Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers. A member of the TRB for more than 10 years, Zatar was appointed as chair of this committee in 2015. The committee is concerned with the development and use of structural applications of fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) composites for

transportation-related structures, including bridges, maintenance, buildings, pipes, sign and luminaire support poles, guide rails, and guard rails.

During the annual meeting, Zatar chaired two committee meetings on Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers and the session on FRP Composites Innovations and Applications. He also co-chaired the session on Corrosion-Resistant Prestressing Strands of Carbon Fiber-Reinforced Polymer and Stainless Steel in Highway Structures, was an active committee member in a working group on bridge data analysis and the session on structures.

As chair of the National Committee on Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymers, Zatar organizes sessions at TRB annual and mid-year meetings, develops research-need statements to for the TRB database, develops synthesis topics, arranges for special publications and serves as a liaison with technical committees and constituency groups, including the Federal Highway Administration Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Composites virtual team, the American Concrete Institute and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Zatar says he has worked to continually acquire the latest knowledge in the field, transferring and implementing the best practices for repair technologies and benefiting the infrastructure system in West Virginia and the United States.

Dr. Joseph Shapiro recognized as one of Castle Connolly's America's Top Doctors®



Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the [Marshall University](#) Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been recognized by his peers for five years as a Castle Connolly's America's Top Doctors.®

More than 100,000 physicians are nominated each year, with only a select number receiving the official honor. It is based primarily on peer nominations.

Shapiro graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and completed a residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University, followed by a fellowship in renal diseases at the University of Colorado. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology and has more than 30 years of clinical, teaching and research experience.

Shapiro specializes in renal transplant, chronic dialysis, hypertension, and kidney diseases. Please call 304-691-1000 for more information about his clinical practice or visit www.marshallhealth.org.

Other [Marshall Health](#) physicians who have the Castle Connolly distinction include:

- Charles Giangarra, M.D., orthopaedics
- Suzanne Holroyd, M.D., psychiatry
- Zeid Khitan, M.D., nephrology
- Deborah Klimek, M.D., pediatric ophthalmology
- Ali Oliashirazi, M.D., orthopaedics
- Jacqueline Ray, M.D., pediatrics
- Rene S. Rodriguez-Sains, M.D., ophthalmology
- Frank Shuler, M.D., Ph.D., orthopaedics
- Rebecca Wolfer, M.D., surgery

New family medicine residency launched in region

The Marshall Community Health Consortium, a group of regional health care providers including the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and [Marshall Health](#), has received accreditation of its first medical residency program.

The Holzer Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency Program received initial accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as part of a move toward a single graduate medical education (GME) accreditation system that will integrate both allopathic and osteopathic programs.

Led by Christopher Marazon, D.O., program director, the existing family medicine program will expand its residency to 12 positions at its Gallipolis, Ohio, site starting July 1.

Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., designated institutional official and vice dean for graduate medical education at Marshall's school of medicine, said the new program is the result of a great team effort.

"We are all very excited about working with program director Dr. Christopher Marazon and administrator Susan Cummons to provide resident training opportunities in the Gallipolis community," Wehner said.

Marazon said [Holzer Health System](#) is very pleased to be part of the effort to move graduate medical education forward in the southeastern part of Ohio.

"A high quality training program helps to recruit and retain energetic primary care physicians that are likely to practice within our region potentially for decades," he said. "We appreciate the guidance of Dr. Wehner and her staff through the application and accreditation process. We also appreciate the support of School of Medicine Dean Joe Shapiro and the rest of the Marshall family."

The Marshall Community Health Consortium was created to support primary care residency programs in small communities. The consortium is composed of Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital and Valley Health Systems.

As part of a move to a single GME accreditation system, all osteopathic residency programs must achieve initial ACGME accreditation by June 30, 2020. Since it has received initial accreditation, the Holzer program may now proceed with an application to receive osteopathic recognition by the ACGME.

The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed March 7, 2018. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, March 5, 2018.

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